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New York Women to Vote in March

GOVERNOR Whitman has issued a call for five congressional elections to be held on March fifth to fill vacancies in the New York delegations. These are in the Seventh and Eighth Congressional Districts, Kings; the Twenty-first, Manhattan; the Twenty-second, Bronx; and the Thirty-seventh, consisting of Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins Counties.

Democratic and Republican leaders are urging speedy legislation so that women can vote at these elections for successors to Representatives Fitzgerald, Griffen, Hulbert, and Bruckner, Democrats, and Holliday, Republican.

"The Republicans," says the New York American, "count on redeeming the Eighth of Kings, and the Twenty-first here, which they have carved into a district which they think should be good for 5,000 majority.

"Democrats, however, are confident that with or without the women they will hold all the Greater New York districts and thus assure Speaker Clark a Democratic victory in the House."

If the Democrats want New York women to feel enthusiastic about a Democratic Congress they will have to look sharp to the speedy success of the federal amendment for woman suffrage. The voting women can tell strongly in these heretofore Democratic Districts.

Women Candidates for Congress

MISS Anne Martin, of Nevada, vice-chairman of the National Woman's Party, is being widely suggested as a candidate for the United States Senate from that state to fill the vacancy made by the death of Senator Newlands. Miss Martin, who led the fight that enfranchised Nevada for women, and was a number of years professor of history in the Nevada State University, has á large following in her state. She has not yet announced whether she will stand as a candidate or not in the next election.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, has also been mentioned as a possible candidate for Congress. The press suggests that she may run for the House from New York City.

Fundamentally Destructive

ANTI-suffragists of New York state have been actively at work pushing a bill in the state legislature to force a resubmission of the suffrage amendment to the voters of that state who have recently passed it. When they attempted to line up Assemblyman William C. Amos of the Eleventh District behind them, they found they had tackled the wrong man. He replied to "one of your constituents recently enfranchised much against her will," who asked what he could do to help her, that even if he did not heartily believe in the principle of equal suffrage he could do nothing against a majority vote. "Woman suffrage throughout the United States is inevitable," he concluded, "To me the activities of those opposed to suffrage are misdirected and fundamentally destructive."

Mr. Amos is a Republican. His statement is a clear index of the feeling in that Party that has forced the rival Party to give up its destructive blockade of federal suffrage. Politicians like Mr. Amos in the states are bringing steady pressure to bear on backward politicians in the Senate to express truly public opinion and pass the amendment.

Help from the National Party

"THE passage by the House of the federal suffrage amendment and its probable passage by the Senate in the very near future," says a recent statement of the new National Party, "means that we shall have to turn our attention to the ratification of this amendment by the various state legislatures. The National Party, both officially and through the personal efforts of its members, has been doing its utmost to assist in the adoption of the amendment by Congress, and we desire to follow this up by a systematic and vigorous campaign for the ratification of the amendment as soon as it is finally passed."

The National Party, the strong new organization of liberal men and women who have broken away from the older parties, is planning to go into then ext elections with candidates of its own. Its candidates for Congress and for state legislatures will be pledged to the federal amendment—this being the first plank of the Party's tentative platform.

The National Party will hold a convention in Chicago on March 6, when a permanent platform will be drawn up and plans made for the Congressional election campaign. The Party is urging members of the National Woman's Party to cooperate with them on this point so that candidates acceptable to suffragists may be picked to further a program that promises support to national suffrage.

Women Investors May be Considered

THE Pennsylvania Railroad has issued a statement showing that women now make up 49.47 per cent of its hundred thousand stockholders. The number of women investors in other railroads, in industries of all kinds, in saving funds, insurance companies and the like is steadily growing. Women who are gradually accumulating money to invest as they come into professions and more and more lines of work are sought after by investment bankers and by corporations wanting capital at every turn. They are particularly sought after by the government for buying war bonds.

The government is taking over the railroads, for a period, perhaps for good; the government is more and more regulating manufactures, public utilities and other organizations that are using women's money; the government issues the war bonds. Is it likely that the women investors of the country will be slow to see that their interests are now a question of national politics? They are a powerful class demanding the passage of the federal suffrage amendment to give them their voice in managing their own affairs.

War and Women

WAR has opened doors to women. Even in the East war has hurried women out into affairs, economic and political.

Turkish women have energetically organized themselves for war relief work under the Red Crescent. In Stamboul four hundred women run a workshop that makes everything for the care of the wounded and that has looked after great hoards of fleeing refugees efficiently. The workshop occupies two large buildings; a third building houses the workers.

In India many movements among women prove that a ferment of revolt against old limitations is at work. An Indian correspondent writes to the International Suffrage News.

"Indian ladies—they who are so secluded—are standing by the men shoulder to shoulder in all great national movements. The suffrage campaign has taught Indians many things. India should have free compulsory education. Indians are so clever. They study hard, and all examinations have to be passed in English, which is not their language. And Indians must break down purdah!"

A mass meeting of Indian women was recently held in Calcutta to celebrate the release of Mrs. Besant and her associates from internment by the government for revolutionary agitation against the British government. The meeting demanded that Mrs. Besant, whose influence with Indian women is enormous, be made president of the National Assembly. There were over three hundred women of the leading Calcutta families present. Sreemati Priyam Vada Devi, niece of Justice Sir Ashutosh Chandhuri, presided. Sreemati Pretima Devi, wife of Rabindra Nath Tagore, who is the son of the well-known poet, moved a resolution condemning the policy of internment and demanding that the government release all interned women.

Anti-Suffragists Apologize to Woman's Party

THE National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage last week gave out a statement in which it acknowledges that the National Woman's Party was correct in declaring that the President had been won to support of the amendment before the vote in the House.

Miss Alice Paul, The Woman's Party, Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam: Will you permit me, through yourself, to apologize to the Woman's Party, the Socialists, and Mr. Victor Berger, for having publicly questioned the truth of the statement that an emissary of President Wilson visited you in Occoquan Jail and promised that the President would secretly assist the passage of the federal suffrage amendment. This story was circulated throughout the United States, and appeared in the Milwaukee Leader (Socialist organ edited by Victor Berger), of December 18, 1917, under the signature of John D. Barry, as follows:

"'While Miss Alice Paul was in jail hunger striking,' said Miss Maud Younger, of San Francisco, at the great meeting in Washington recently of the National Woman's Party, where $86,000 was raised, 'she received a visit one evening at 9 o'clock, an hour after the time when all the prisoners were supposed to be in bed, from a gentleman known to be closely associated with the Administration.

"'If he hadn't been closely associated with the Administration, he couldn't have got into the prison.

"'The attorneys of Miss Paul had been forbidden to see her even during visiting hours.

"'Although it was understood that none of our women should be visited in prison without their consent, Miss Paul was not consulted, and she was very much astonished to see the man standing at her bedside. He stayed for two hours talking over the situation.

"'He asked Miss Paul how long she and the other pickets would give the Administration before they began picketing again. She said it would depend upon the attitude the Administration and Congress seemed to be taking toward the federal amendment. He said the prohibition bill would be brought up and passed, and after that was out of the way the suffrage bill would be taken up.

"'He asked if we would be content to have it go through one House this session and wait till the next session for it to pass the other House. Miss Paul said that if the bill did not go through this session, the Woman's Party would not be satisfied.

"'Then the man said the President would not mention suffrage in his message at the opening of Congress, but would make it known to the leaders of Congress that he wanted it passed and would see that it passed.'"

The inference contained in this article that the President of the United States would under cover assist a proposition which he had publicly and unqualifiedly repudiated, seemed to us unworthy of his high office, and we felt justified in defending him from what seemed an unwarranted and unbelievable accusation.

However, the President's subsequent public support of the federal suffrage amendment, his announcement coming on the eve of the vote in the House of Representatives, indicates the truth of your original assertion, and we therefore deem it incumbent upon ourselves to apologize for having questioned Miss Younger's statement.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the President and members of Congress.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) MINNIE BRONSON,

General secretary, National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

Miss Paul commented on the apology to the organization of which she is chairman in the following statement:

"WE appreciate very much the public withdrawal of the accusation against the National Woman's Party. However, I differ from Miss Bronson as to the President's position. His indorsement of the federal amendment was not a sudden change on his part, but a position which he has been gradually approaching for the last four years.

"It will be remembered that at the time of his first inauguration he stated to a deputation of suffragists that suffrage was a question to which he had given no thought and on which he had no opinion.

"By the winter of 1914, after repeated deputations had waited upon him, and after the mobilization of the women voters had been begun, he had reached the point where he congratulated the suffrage leader in Nevada on the winning of that state.

"By the autumn of 1915, immediately after the calling of the first woman voters' convention in support of the national amendment, he came to the point of voting for suffrage in New Jersey, though still maintaining that suffrage 'should be settled by the states and not by the national government.'

"By December of the same year, when the representatives sent by the woman voters' convention in San Francisco reached Washington with their message asking for full political liberty for women, the President had evolved to the point where he had 'an open mind' on the federal amendment.

"By June, 1916, the President caused the principle of suffrage to be recognized in the party platform, though the federal amendment was still not endorsed.

"Finally, however, the President let it be understood in private interviews that he stood not only for suffrage, but also for the federal amendment, and his reply to the last deputation, January 9, 1917, indicated the same position.

"'I shall continue to do my best,' he said, 'to concert it (party action) in the interest of a cause in which I personally believe,' referring apparently to the federal amendment, as his party had already through its platform declared its support of suffrage by state action.

"He has now at last translated into action the private belief in the national amendment which he has apparently held for some time.

"Since the beginning of the war every condition of political life has been altered, woman's position in the world is now a wholly different one, and the question of states' rights has undergone a complete change. President Wilson's indorsement of the national suffrage amendment, therefore, late as it was, shows that he is in close touch with the public sentiment of this country and possesses a mind happily able to change its opinions with any considerable change in the conditions upon which those opinions are based."

Backfires Burning in New York

AGITATION in New York to change the vote of Senator Wadsworth in regard to suffrage is growing. Politicians themselves are urging upon the Senator that he is breaking faith with the people in refusing to vote for a measure that men of New York have voted for by an overwhelming majority.

Assemblyman William C. Amos, of the Eleventh District of New York, has himself written a spirited protest to the anti-suffrage Senator as to his present stand, after having the situation analyzed by members of the National Woman's Party's Advisory Council for New York State:

"MY Dear Senator Wadsworth," writes Mr. Amos:

"I have been requested to write you and urge you to vote for the federal suffrage amendment. I cannot refuse to comply with this request, as it is in full harmony with my own convictions on the subject, both to the merits and wisdom of the proposed amendment and as to the duty incumbent upon you as a representative of the voters of New York to support the amendment.

"It does not appear to me that a United States senator *elected by a popular vote of the electors*

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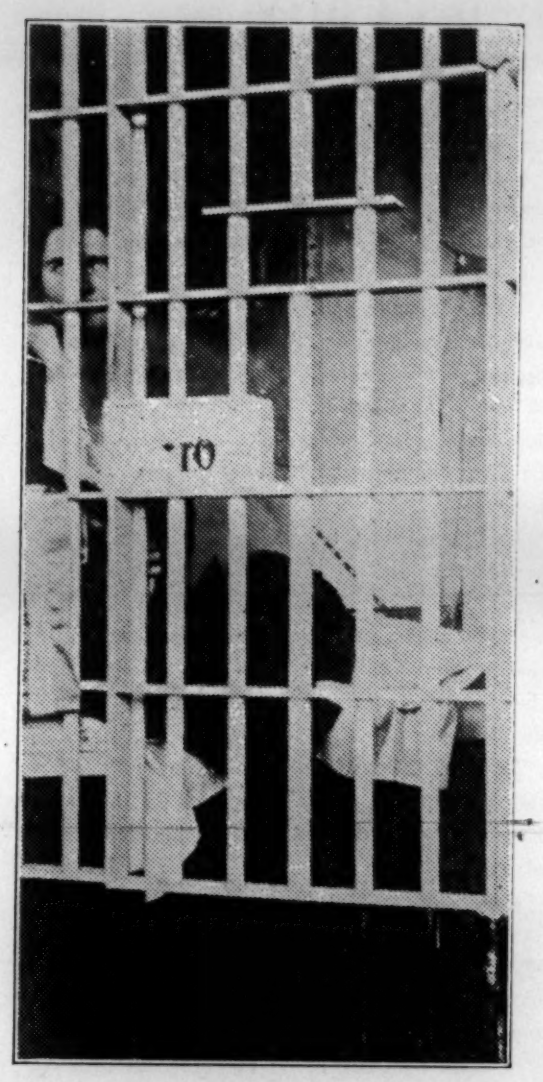

Vida Milholland in Prison

Alive, Oh!

By Beulah Amidon

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Their hearts high with vision
The women have toiled through the dusk of delay;
The brave banners blowing,
Undaunted and singing,
For justice, for freedom, Alive, Alive, Oh!
Alive, Alive, Oh!
Alive, Alive, Oh!
For justice, for freedom, Alive, Alive, Oh!

Awake to the dawning!
We conquer! We conquer!
The sky is ablaze with the fire of our day;
The morning has risen—
In triumph we hail it—
For justice, for freedom, Alive, Alive, Oh!

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Suffrage Demand Concentrates on the President

ATTEMPTS on the part of suffrage opponents to delay action on the federal suffrage amendment are being fought by men and women in every part of the country, governors of states, newspaper editors, members of legislatures, sending in a steady stream of protest to the President to prevent this delay which may, Democratic leaders urge, cost the Democratic Party dear in many states.

Opponents are giving the time-worn reason for delay that was used in trying to prevent the bill being placed on the calendar: war business. They claim that the railroad tangle in connection with the war takes precedence over suffrage. Many men and women are pointing out that a word from the President would change the view of such enemies of the amendment.

THE powerful voice of New York has been heard. That the legislators of New York state are in favor of the federal suffrage amendment was shown when the legislature passed the resolution to instruct United States senators from New York to vote favorably on the federal suffrage amendment when it comes before the Senate for the consideration of that body. Fourteen Republicans and four Democrats voted for the measure, and seven Republicans and one Democrat voted against it.

Miss Elsie Hill, daughter of the late Congressman Hill, of Connecticut, with Mrs. William H. Blauvelt, New York State legislative chairman of the National Woman's Party, recently conferred with the governor, obtaining the services of his legal adviser, who drafted the resolution which was introduced by Schuyler Meyer in the assembly and by Courtlandt Nicoll in the senate. Several other resolutions were introduced on the same subject, but it was the Nicoll-Meyer resolution that passed. The resolution is aimed at Senator Wadsworth in particular, since it is well known that Senator Calder is in favor of the federal amendment.

In speaking of this new gain for national suffrage, Mrs. John Winters Brannan said: "Certainly this will impress the senators of this state as to the demand which exists for a favorable vote from them. It would be utter disloyalty to the state of New York to have them vote against the amendment. In the legislature, the will of the people of the state has been heard. A negative vote from either of them would be a deliberate vote against the mandate of the people of the state."

SINCE the rousing meeting held by Dudley Field Malone in Hartford, a marked change has come over the attitude of the politicians and the press in that state in regard to suffrage. The Hartford Post is carrying a daily suffrage streamer and demanding action from Connecticut's backward senators.

Miss Elsie Hill
New York State Organizer

By invitation of The Hartford Post Mrs. M. Toscan Bennett addressed the following open letter to Senators Brandegee and McLean through The Post:

"To Senators Brandegee and McLean:

"Gentlemen—The appeal to the American people to give their utmost in this war to make the world safe for democracy, presupposes that America herself is sincere in her belief that those who submit to authority should have a voice in their own government.

"Our appeal to our Senators is to keep this ideal of government foremost in their minds and to cast their votes in favor of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the end that America may be unified and take her place as a leader among nations with free, equal and universal suffrage.

"This is the time to strengthen our national government and to place the woman power of each state on a basis with that of every other for the good of America and the peace of the world.

"Hartford, January 28, 1918."

IN commenting on this demand in a front page statement the editor of the Post himself makes the following forthright statement:

"Gentlemen—The House of Representatives has voted in favor of the Anthony suffrage amendment to the federal constitution by the necessary two-thirds vote.

"The question is now before the Senate and it is apparent that it will receive the necessary two-thirds vote there.

"There is no longer any doubt, if there has been any for years, that woman suffrage is favored by a majority of the people and that the opposition comes from a minority.

"Even if your votes could prevent the passage of this reform wanted by a majority of our 100,000,000 of people, opposition would not be a credit to you, nor would it accomplish anything more than to delay the inevitable.

"If you would successfully and accurately represent the sentiment of the people of the state you would vote, when the opportunity is presented to you, to make this a government of and by all the people and not merely of and by part of them, for all of them.

"No senator can learn the sentiment of those he represents by refusing to see any group of them, as Senator Brandegee did.

"If either of you entertain any doubt as to whether Connecticut is a suffrage state, why not make a real effort to find out?

"At least why not heed the evidence at hand now?

"THE HARTFORD EVENING POST."

After filling engagements to speak for the federal amendment in Chicago and Detroit, Mr. Malone will make two more appeals to the men and women of Bridgeport and New Haven, Connecticut.

IN the middle West the demand is growing. From Dayton, Ohio, where Mrs. Abby Scott Baker has been asked to analyze the present situation at a mass meeting next week, sixty-four business and professional men, scientists and social workers of Dayton, including Orville Wright,

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the inventor, signed a telegram which will go, as arranged by the Ohio branch of the National Woman's Party, to the Ohio senators and other prominent men in Washington urging strong support in the Senate for the suffrage amendment, Mrs. Valentine Winters announced recently.

With the Susan B. Anthony amendment already passed, unchallenged, by the House of Representatives, friends of woman suffrage in Ohio are now looking to the Ohio senators to support it in the Senate. Senators Atlee Pomerene and Warren G. Harding will receive telegrams from the Dayton group below, as will the President, Vice-President, members of the Woman Suffrage Committee of the Senate and others of importance.

Senators will be asked to read the request into the Congressional Record.

Dayton men joining in the message are:

Orville Wright, Charles B. Clegg, John H. Brubaker, Henry Gebhart, Dwight Young, E. G. Burkam, F. D. McDonald, S. E. Kiser, James A. Robert, Valentine Winters, H. M. Waite, Charles A. Herbig, Hugh E. Wall, William G. Fritzell, F. A. Funkhouser, E. S. Snediker, A. Newsalt, W. R. Craven, Charles J. Moore, U. S. Martin, Harrie P. Clegg, Julius V. Jones, E. A. Baber, R. R. Dickey, John H. Patterson, Curtiss Ginn, Harrison A. Penfield, Charles A. Kumler, J. M. Switzer, R. Morgan Wood, B. B. Thresher, J. B. Tresher, James Muir, Dr. F. M. Henry, J. Morris Evans, Frederick Patterson, John C. Eerhardt, F. Willard Cockerill, Clarke Sullivan, Joseph B. Murphy, Roland W. Baggott, Henry Guckas, R. A. Crume, J. Elliot Pierce, J. C. Gohn, George W. Marshall, J. Sweifel, D. F. Garland, George W. Miller, Kleon T. Brown, William J. Haskins, Karl Lorenz, G. H. Shartzer, Dewitt C. Altenburg, Louis Phillips, C. E. Thompson, William W. White, Lee Warren James, Arthur Morgan, Fowler S. Smith, Karl M. Brower, R. G. Corwin, F. J. McCormick, Jr., and David Lafkowitz.

Mrs. Valentine Winters, state chairman of the National Woman's Party, received yesterday a note, appreciative of the work being done in Ohio for the cause of the amendment, from J. Morris Evans.

Backfires Burning in New York

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of his state is a free agent when he has been instructed by the majority of the voters of his district what is their will. Under these conditions he has no choice, he must represent, not misrepresent his state, or resign.

"You certainly cannot be in doubt on this subject. You were told on November 6, what the voters of New York wish and, since that time, you have received, or you will have received in a day or so, a copy of a resolution adopted by a large majority of each branch of the legislature of your state, requesting that you and Senator Calder, representing the state of New York and its citizens in the United States Senate, voice the expressed will of the people of your state, by voting for and doing all in your power to secure the immediate passage of the proposed suffrage amendment to the Constitution of the United States, abolishing sex qualifications.

"During the discussion in the Assembly on the resolution to which I have referred, it was urged that our state legislature should not seek to impose its will upon the other states; that the adoption of the resolution would be impudence; that the state legislatures have no right to attempt to coerce United States senators from their respective states to vote for or against a particular bill. By reference to Article L of the Constitution of the United States, as amended, you will find that it explicitly states that the people shall have the right to peaceably assembly and petition the government for the redress of grievances. It certainly is a grievance that women of this country have not been given suffrage—at any rate your state so considers it.

"IN adopting this resolution, the legislature exercised only an undisputed privilege and prerogative, one which has been exercised from time immemorial by citizens, groups of citizens, civic and commercial organizations, and by legislative bodies throughout the country.

"No doubt it is most gratifying to you to have received this resolution. It is an additional confirmation of the official instructions given you on November 6 by the voters of your district—the state of New York. The adoption of this resolution proves that the action of the voters of your state upon November 6 is approved by the legislature—truly a representative body—of your state.

"It affords you an opportunity to demonstrate in a conspicuous and vital manner the high significance of our representative form of government, by loyally laying aside what may be your profound personal convictions in obedience to the plain and imperative instructions of the electorate of the sovereign state of New York.

"Truly for you to vote against this great historic amendment, or to withhold your constructive support in its behalf, would be to treat with great contempt the citizens of New York state, to set up yourself as above and superior to the declared will of the people of your state.

"It has been suggested that you may consistently seek a resubmission of this question to the electorate of our state and that you have sufficient precedent to justify this action, in that suffrage failing at the polls in 1915 was again submitted, and won in 1917.

"YOU know better than do I that there is a vast difference between negative and positive results in legislation and that this difference is most emphasized, visible and permanent when it applies to the subject of suffrage—male or female or universal.

"Suffrage once given is seldom withdrawn. In fact the high and holy ideals of personal relationship to government, when once defined by practical legislation and adopted by the people, may be withdrawn or overthrown only by practically a revolution.

"The negro did not win suffrage, it was given to him. And yet it has never been taken from him and it never can be taken from him.

"There is a power inherent in the natural right of suffrage that cannot be overcome—it persists.

"Personally, I feel that, when the hour for decision arrives, you will act in full accord with the expressed will of the people of your state and that you will not seek to elevate your personal opinions, prejudices, or even your conscientious convictions, above the composite—the representative—intelligence and the instructions of the citizens of your great state, rather I shall expect to see you, as a true soldier, a faithful public servant, obedient to the command of your superior officers—your master—the people of the state of New York, vote and work for the passage of the federal suffrage amendment.

"I beg to remain, with high personal esteem and best wishes,

"Sincerely yours,

(Signed) WM. C. AMOS.

ANOTHER resolution calling upon Senator James W. Wadsworth to remember that now he has all the women of New York state to represent, as well as all the men, and that these women wish to have the woman suffrage amendment approved by the state was passed by the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs at the February convention held at the Astor Hotel in New York.

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Comments of the Press

THAT President Wilson's declaration in favor of national woman suffrage will insure the passage of the federal suffrage resolution when it comes before the Senate, is the belief of suffrage leaders in the national capital. It is believed that the President's declaration is already exerting a converting influence on the Democratic members of the Senate, a fact which advocates of suffrage feel presages the passage of the resolution by a big majority.

No date has yet been determined for the Senate vote. It is thought likely that Senator Hollis, of New Hampshire, will lead the Democratic suffrage forces in the Senate. Senator Hollis made a vigorous effort to get a national suffrage plank in the Democratic platform at St. Louis.

Suffrage leaders are basing claims for certain victory in the Senate largely upon the assumption that the party rivalry which sprang up in the House will inevitably recur in the Senate. It is pointed out that the Republican enthusiasm for the enfranchisement of women needs the Democratic support of the measure in the Senate just as it did in the House.

The Republicans, it appears, consider it a wise policy to secure the credit for the passage of the amendment, while the Democrats consider it an unwise policy to be responsible for its defeat. Coupling these facts with the weight of President Wilson's declaration in favor of the amendment, its passage in the Senate seems certain.—*Christian Science Monitor, January 14.*

Suffrage and the Senate

THE very large element of the population of the United States that is particularly interested in freeing the hands of Congress of questions having no direct bearing upon the war joins that other very large element which is particularly interested in equal suffrage, in hoping that the Senate may not defer, an hour longer than is positively necessary, the fixing of a date for consideration of the so-called Susan B. Anthony amendment to the Constitution. There is apparent disappointment among both of these elements that such a date has not already been fixed. As a matter of fact, the Senate might very well have recorded its vote on the issue immediately following the action of the House.—*Christian Science Monitor, January 16.*

Abe and Mawruss on Democracy at Home

"I SEE in the paper where people writes to the editors that the prohibitionists, the woman suffragists and the union leaders should

Cartoon in the Philadelphia Press, January 12.

The Surrender

ought to be ashamed of themselves for putting up arguments when the country is so busy over the war I couldn't help thinking that there must be people over in Germany which is writing to the Tageszeitung and the Freie Presse that the German social democrats and liberals should ought to be ashamed of themselves for putting up arguments about the kaiser giving them popular government when Germany is so busy over the war. In other words it's a stand-off, Mawruss, with the exception that kaiser ain't made no speeches so far that Germany would never make peace with America till the millions of American women which ain't got the vote has some say as to how the war should be carried on and what the terms of peace should be."

"Do you mean to say that women not having the vote puts our government in the same class with Germany?" Morris demanded.

"I mean to say that the proposition of German men having the vote sounds just so foolish to the kaiser as the proposition of American women having the vote does to this here Eli U. Root," Abe retorted, "and while there is only one kaiser in Germany, Mawruss, we've got an awful lot of Roots in America, so *until Congress gives women the vote, Mawruss, the kaiser will continue to have an elegant come-back at President Wilson for that proclamation of his.*"—*Montague Glass in The Washington Star, January 20.*

They Never Apologize

THOSE silly newspaper paragraphers who have declared that the suffrage pickets were demanding that President Wilson do something impossible for him to do—direct action upon the suffrage amendment—have had no explanation to make for their idiotic assertions.—*Miami (Fla.) Daily Metropolis, January 17.*

Inspired to Verse

IN the meantime every woman is expected to start the backfires burning. Let there be no turning; every man should hear from home without delay. Set him to perspiring, keep the wires hot wiring, "Vote for votes for women folks and for fair play."—*Denver (Col.) Post, January 6.*

Shall Suffrage Wait?

WHY should any obviously just reform await legislative enactment even in time of national stress? It is not even good politics to ask women to wait for the passage of the federal suffrage amendment until the close of the war. Those who are in a position to know best say that this is to be a long war. But whether long or short, the passage of this amendment is a matter of simple justice. Women as well as men are giving themselves in whole hearted service for their country.—*Rocky Mountain News, Denver, December 31.*

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OF all bills which will come before Congress during the present session, none is watched with more interest than is the Susan B. Anthony amendment providing for the national enfranchisement of women. The cause of suffrage has made wonderful strides during the last two years, and both friends and foes of the movement await the congressional verdict with interest.

Congress, too, is displaying more than passing interest in the fate of the now renowned amendment, and the two great political parties are doing their utmost to be on the safe side when the blow finally falls. It is claimed that the Republican members of both House and Senate have so arranged that their support will be given unanimously to the bill as a party issue, thus leaving the Democrats "holding the sack" in case of defeat. Should the amendment, by any chance, fail of passage, it is their intention to force the women of the country to realize that the failure rests squarely with the Democrats.—*Colorado Springs Gazette, January 7.*

Political Power

BOTH Republicans and Democrats realized that the Woman's Party, the youngest and most vigorous wing of the suffragists, had already shown their strength in the equal suffrage states, and that they were ready again to go into the election—armed with far more powerful ammunition—and to oppose the party in power if the amendment were not passed. The Republicans saw party capital in that attitude, as their leaders frankly asserted. The Democrats saw great danger to their control of the House and even of the Senate. Twice over the Woman's Party, or the Congressional Union, its predecessor, campaigned in the Western states. The second time its appeal was only foiled by the assertion that the Democrats were the friends of equal suffrage. That assertion could not possibly be made to serve again, and either the Democrats had to make good or to suffer defeat in the states where women vote.—*Hartford (Conn.) Globe, January 13.*

Picketing Results in One State

WHAT effect had imprisonment in putting down picketing or sympathy with picketing in Connecticut? The Connecticut Branch of the Congressional Union was formed two and a half years ago. It has made considerable progress since its formation and many of its members have done active work. But it was the picketing, and the severe punishments handed out to the picketers that won for the Connecticut Branch its most important recruits. It was after the sentences on Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Flanagan that Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn gave up her position to join the National Woman's Party. It was after these sentences that Mrs. M. Toscan Bennett resigned as treasurer of the C. W. S. A. for a similar reason. It is safe to say that the National Woman's Party has more than doubled its sympathizers and supporters in Connecticut as a result of the ill-directed efforts of the authorities in Washington to suppress a demand for political enfranchisement by force.—*Bridgeport (Conn.) Herald.*

The Demand for Freedom

PICKETING is glorious. To demand freedom is noble. To plead and sniffle for it is not noble. As Dudley Field Malone says: "Imagine men supinely begging for citizenship for 80 years. I tell you that men would not beg, they would demand. That is what women must do. That is what these women at Washington have done."

If, as many hope, the federal suffrage amendment will follow the favorable reports of Senate and House committees and come to a vote during the next session it will be because these women who knew what to ask and where and how to ask it have forced the measure to the front.—*Jane, in The Illustrated Buffalo Express, November 25, 1917.*

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